

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

Subj 5 1. A method of operating a slot machine, said method comprising:

generating a first game result using circuitry within said slot machine;

displaying said first game result on a video screen of said slot machine;

10 if said first game result meets certain criteria, generating a bonus game result using said circuitry and displaying said bonus game result on said video screen,

said generating and displaying said first game result and said bonus game result being performed by

15 the same hardware in said slot machine so as to require no additional hardware to generate and display said bonus game result; and

awarding coins to a player based on said first game result and said bonus game result.

20 2. The method of Claim 1 wherein said bonus game result is a bonus award for achieving a particular first game result.

25 Subj 7 3. The method of Claim 1 wherein said bonus game result identifies a number of additional coins paid to a player.

4. A slot machine comprising:  
circuitry within said slot machine for generating  
a first game result;

5 a video display screen on said slot machine for  
displaying said first game result;

10 circuitry within said slot machine for generating  
a bonus game result, if said first game result meets  
certain criteria, and displaying said bonus game result  
on said video screen;

15 wherein generating and displaying said first game  
result and said bonus game result is performed by the  
same hardware in said slot machine so as to require no  
additional hardware to generate and display said bonus  
game result.

20 5. The machine of ~~Claim 4~~ wherein said bonus  
game result is a bonus award for achieving a particular  
first game result.

Sub 6. The machine of ~~Claim 4~~ wherein said bonus  
game identifies a number of additional coins paid to  
player.

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